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Sir:

This reply is filed in response to the Office action dated August 28, 2006.
Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended in a manner consistent with the suggestion of the Examiner appearing in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action dated August 28, 2006. Namely, claim 1 has been amended to more positively recite that the circuit includes the recited logic gate. It is submitted that entry of the amendment is proper since the amendment raises no new issues, does not require an additional search and/or places the application in a better condition for allowance and/or appeal. For instance, the Applicant argued that "the electrical circuit includes a digital logic gate that is configured as a comparitor ..." at page 10 of the Reply that was filed in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2006. As such, treatment of the logic gate as a positively recited feature should have been given and no new issues are presented. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.